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**SELECTED
HUNTING AND TRAPPING
SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS
FOR
2016-2017 AND 2017-2018**

(Subject to change due to legislation passed during the 2016 General Assembly)

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**Selected Upland Game Seasons and Bag Limits
2016-2017 and 2017-2018**

Species	Open Season	Location	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit
Eastern Cottontail Rabbit	2016-2017 Nov 5 – Feb 28 2017-2018 Nov 4 – Feb 28	All counties	4 per day	8
Crow	2016-2017 and 2017-2018 Aug 15 – Mar 15 Wed – Sat Only	All counties	No Limit	No Limit
Pheasant (male only)	2016 Nov 5 – Dec 31 2017 Nov 4 – Dec 31	All counties	1 per day	2
Quail	2016 Nov 5 – Dec 15 2017 Nov 4 – Dec 15	Lands owned or managed by DNR – excluding Garrett and Allegany counties	6 per day No more than 3 on lands owned or managed by DNR	12
Quail	2016-2017 Nov 5 – Jan 15 2017-2018 Nov 4 – Jan 15	Private lands west of I-83 from PA south to I-695 to I-95 south to VA.; excluding Garrett and Allegany counties		
Quail	2016-2017 Nov 5 – Feb 15 2017-2018 Nov 4 – Feb 15	Private lands east of I-83 from PA south to I-695 to I-95 south to VA		
Quail	CLOSED SEASON	Garrett and Allegany counties		

**Selected Falconry Upland Game Seasons and Bag Limits
2016-2017 and 2017-2018**

Species	Open Season	Location	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit
Eastern Cottontail Rabbit (falconry) Quail (falconry)	2016-2017 Nov 1 – Mar 31 2017-2018 Nov 1 – Mar 31	All counties	4 per day	8
Pheasant - either sex (falconry)	2016-2017 Nov 1 – Mar 31 2017-2018 Nov 1 – Mar 31	All counties	1 per day	2

**Selected Falconry Forest Game Seasons & Bag Limits
2016-2017 and 2017-2018**

Species	Open Season	Location	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit
Ruffed grouse (falconry)	2016-2017 Oct 1 – Mar 31 2017-2018 Oct 1 – Mar 31	All counties	2 per day	4
Squirrel – Gray, Eastern Fox, Red or Piney* (falconry)	2016-2017 Sep 1 – Mar 31 2017-2018 Sep 1 – Mar 31	All counties	6 per day * no limit for Red or Piney	12 * no limit for Red or Piney

**Selected Forest Game Seasons & Bag Limits
2016-2017 and 2017-2018**

Species	Open Season	Location	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit
Black Bear	2016 Oct 24 – Oct 27 2017 Oct 23 – Oct 26 Permit Required	Allegany, Garrett, Frederick, and Washington counties	1 per day with no more than 1 per permitted bear hunting team	1 per season with no more than 1 per permitted bear hunting team
Wild Turkey, fall season, either sex	2016 Oct 29 – Nov 5 2017 Oct 28 – Nov 4	Allegany, Garrett, and Washington counties	1	1 per fall/winter season combined
Wild Turkey, winter season, either sex	2017 Jan 19–Jan 21 2018 Jan 18 – Jan 20	All counties	1	
Wild Turkey, spring season, Junior Hunt (Hunters age 16 or younger only)	2017 April 15–16* 2018 April 14–15*	All counties *Sunday hunting in certain counties	1 bearded turkey	2 bearded turkeys per season
Wild Turkey	2017 and 2018 Apr 18 – May 23*	All counties *Sunday hunting in certain counties	1 bearded turkey	
Squirrel - Gray & Eastern Fox	2016-2017 Sep 3 – Feb 28 2017-2018 Sep 2 – Feb 28	All counties	6 per day	12
Squirrel - Red or Piney	2016-2017 Sep 3 – Feb 28 2017-2018 Sep 2 – Feb 28	All counties	No Limit	No Limit
Delmarva Fox Squirrel	CLOSED SEASON	All counties		
Ruffed grouse	2016-2017 Oct 1 – Jan 31 2017-2018 Oct 7 – Jan 31	All counties	2 per day	4

**Selected Furbearer Seasons & Bag Limits
2016-2017 and 2017-2018**

Species	Open Season	Location	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit
Beaver Closed to Nonresidents	2016-2017 Dec 15 – Mar 15 2017-2018 Dec 15– Mar 15	All counties <i>except</i> Garrett and Allegany counties	No Limit	No Limit
Beaver Closed to Nonresidents	2016-2017 Dec 1 – Mar 15 2017-2018 Dec 1 – Mar 15	Garrett and Allegany counties	No Limit	No Limit
Bobcat	CLOSED SEASON	All counties		
Coyote Firearms, Bow and Crossbow only.	Coyotes may be hunted in all counties year-round during daylight hours (1/2 hr. before sunrise to 1/2 hr. after sunset) except Sunday.		No Limit	No Limit
	2016-2017 Oct 15 – Mar 15 2017-2018 Oct 14 – Mar 15	Coyotes may be hunted in all counties day and night, except Sundays	No Limit	No Limit
Coyote and Long-Tailed Weasel Trapping	2016-2017 Nov 1 – Feb 1 2017-2018 Nov 1 – Feb 1	In that portion of the State WEST of the Chesapeake Bay and the Susquehanna River	No Limit	No Limit
	2016-2017 Nov 15 – Feb 15 2017-2018 Nov 15 –Feb 15	In that portion of the State EAST of the Chesapeake Bay and the Susquehanna River	No Limit	No Limit
Fox (Red and Gray) Firearms, Bow, Crossbow and Trapping	2016-2017 Nov 1 – Feb 1 2017-2018 Nov 1 – Feb 1	Allegany, Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Calvert, Carroll, Frederick, Garrett, Harford, Howard, Montgomery, Prince George's, St. Mary's, and Washington counties	No Limit	No Limit
	2016-2017 Nov 15 – Feb 15 2017-2018 Nov 15 –Feb 15	Caroline, Cecil, Kent, Queen Anne's, Somerset, Talbot, Wicomico, and Worcester counties	No Limit	No Limit

	2016-2017 and 2017-2018 Aug 1 – Jul. 31	Charles and Dorchester counties	No Limit	No Limit
Fisher	2016-2017 Nov 1 – Feb 1 2017-2018 Nov 1 – Feb 1	All counties	2 per day	2 per season
Nutria	2016-17 and 2017-2018 Aug 1 – Jul 31	All counties*	No Limit	No Limit
Muskrat and Mink	2016-2017 Nov 15 – Feb 15 2017-2018 Nov 15 – Feb 15	Allegany, Carroll, Frederick, Garrett, Howard and Washington counties	No Limit	No Limit
	2016-2017 Dec 15 – Mar 15 2017-2018 Dec 15– Mar 15	Baltimore, Cecil, Harford, Kent, Queen Anne's, Somerset and Worcester counties	No Limit	No Limit
	2017 Jan 2 – Mar 15 2018 Jan 1 – Mar 15	Anne Arundel, Calvert, Caroline, Charles, Dorchester, Montgomery, Prince George's, St. Mary's, Talbot and Wicomico counties	No Limit	No Limit
Otter Closed to Nonresidents	2016-2017 Dec 15 – Mar 15	In Carroll, Frederick, Howard, Montgomery and Washington counties	2 per day	2 per season
	2017-2018 Dec 15 – Mar 15	In all other counties (except Allegany and Garrett counties)	10 per day	10 per season
Otter Closed to Nonresidents	2016-2017 Dec 1 – Mar 15 2017-2018 Dec 1 – Mar 15	Garrett and Allegany counties	1 Per day	1 Per season
Raccoon and Opossum Chasing No Kill	2016-2017 Aug 1 – Oct 14 Mar 16 – Jul 31 2017-2018	All counties		

	Aug 1 – Oct 13 Mar 16 – Jul 31			
Raccoon and Opossum Firearms, Bow, Crossbow and Dog	2016-2017 Oct 15 – Mar 15 2017-2018 Oct 14 – Mar 15	All counties	No Limit	No Limit
Raccoon, Skunk, and Opossum Trapping	2016-2017 Nov 1 – Mar 15 2017-2018 Nov 1 – Mar 15	In that portion of the State WEST of the Chesapeake Bay and the Susquehanna River	No Limit	No Limit
	2016-2017 Nov 15 – Mar 15 2017-2018 Nov 15 – Mar 15	In that portion of the State EAST of the Chesapeake Bay and the Susquehanna River	No Limit	No Limit
Skunk Firearms, Bow and Crossbow only.	2016-2017 Nov 1 – Mar 15 2017-2018 Nov 1 – Mar 15	All counties	No Limit	No Limit
*On lands owned or controlled by DNR in Caroline, Dorchester, Somerset, Talbot, Wicomico, and Worcester counties only leaseholders or their appointees can hunt or trap furbearers and nutria between Nov 15 and Mar 15.				

Selected 2016-2017 White-tailed Deer Seasons and Bag Limits

Antlered Deer – Statewide

An antlered white-tailed deer is a deer with two or more points to one antler, or a deer with one antler three or more inches long, measuring from the top of the skull as the deer is in life.

Season	Dates	Total Bag Limit	Notes
Archery	<p>Sep 9 – Oct 19</p> <p>Oct 23 (Sunday, see Notes)</p> <p>Oct 24 – Nov 25</p> <p>Dec 12 – Dec 16</p> <p>Jan 2 – Jan 5</p> <p>Jan 6 – Jan 7 (Region A only, see Notes)</p> <p>Jan 9 – Jan 31</p>	1 Antlered*	<p>Fluorescent orange requirement: Archery hunters are required to wear fluorescent orange when the Deer Muzzleloader Season, Deer Firearm Season or Junior Deer Hunt is open in the deer management region where they are hunting. Archery hunters in Allegany, Garrett, Frederick, and Washington counties are required to wear fluorescent orange when the Black Bear Season is open.</p> <p>Sunday deer hunting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In Calvert, Caroline, Charles, Dorchester, Harford, Queen Anne's, St. Mary's, Somerset, Talbot, Wicomico & Worcester counties on private lands only – Deer Archery Season is open on Sundays October 16, 23, and 30 and November 6 and 13, 2016. • In Carroll and Frederick counties on private lands only – Deer Archery Season is open on Sundays October 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30 and November 6, 13 and 20, 2016. • Deer archery season is open on Sunday November 6, 2016 in Anne Arundel, Cecil, Kent & Montgomery counties on private land only. • In Allegany, Garrett, and Washington counties on private and DESIGNATED public lands only – Deer Archery Season is open on Sundays October 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30 and November 6, 13 and 20, 2016. See below for a list of designated public lands.
Muzzle-loader	<p>Oct 20 – Oct 22</p> <p>Dec 17 – Dec 31</p>	1 Antlered*	<p>The Bonus Antlered Deer Stamp may not be used during the Oct. 20 – 22, 2016 muzzleloader season.</p> <p>Region A muzzleloader bag limit: Only 1 deer total (antlered or antlerless) may be taken in Region A during the October 20 – 22, 2016 muzzleloader season. This deer must be antlered if it is taken on DNR public land.</p> <p>Sunday deer hunting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deer muzzleloader season is open on Sundays December 18 and 25, 2016 in Carroll and Frederick counties on private lands only. • Deer muzzleloader season is open on Sundays December 18 and 25, 2016 in Allegany, Garrett, and Washington counties on private and DESIGNATED public lands only. See below for a list of designated public lands.
Firearm	<p>Nov 26 – Dec 10</p> <p>Jan 6 – Jan 7 (Region B only, see Notes)</p> <p>Jan 8 (Sunday, see Notes)</p>	1 Antlered*	<p>Sunday deer hunting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In Anne Arundel, Cecil, Dorchester, Kent, Montgomery, Talbot & Wicomico counties on private lands only – Deer Firearm Season is open on Sunday November 27, 2016. • In Calvert, Caroline, Carroll, Charles, Frederick, Harford, Queen Anne's, Somerset, St. Mary's, Washington (Zone 1), & Worcester counties on private lands only – Deer Firearm Season is open on Sundays November 27 and December 4, 2016, and January 8, 2017. • In Allegany, Garrett, and Washington (Zone 2) counties on private and DESIGNATED public lands only – Deer Firearm Season is open on Sundays November 27 and December 4, 2016. See below for a list of designated public lands. <p>Deer Firearm Season is open during the January 2017 dates in Region B only. Deer Archery season is open January 6 & 7 in Region A only. Deer</p>

			hunters may use archery equipment on these days in Region B but any deer harvested must count towards the Deer Firearm Season bag limit.
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*A hunter may harvest 2 antlered deer during a license year that have any number of antler points. But no more than two antlered deer taken during the license year may have two points or less per antler present. The remaining antlered deer must have at least 3 points on one antler. One additional (bonus) antlered deer may be taken per year in Region B only for a total of 4 antlered deer. The bonus antlered deer may be taken in any weapon season. Before taking a bonus antlered deer, a hunter must first purchase a Bonus Antlered Deer Stamp and harvest two antlerless deer in Region B. These antlerless deer may be taken in any weapon season. Junior hunters (16 years old or younger) are exempt from the three antler point requirement.

Designated public lands open to Sunday hunting in Allegany, Garrett and Washington counties are: ONLY Billmeyer-Belle Grove WMA, Cunningham Swamp WMA, Dan's Mountain WMA, Garrett State Forest (SF), Green Ridge SF, Indian Springs WMA, Mount Nebo WMA, Potomac SF, Prather's Neck WMA, Savage River SF, Sideling Hill WMA, Warrior Mountain WMA.

Selected 2016-2017 White-tailed Deer Seasons and Bag Limits

Antlerless Deer – Region A

Allegany, Garrett & Washington (Zone 2) counties

Region A DNR public lands include: Billmeyer-Belle Grove WMA, Cunningham Swamp WMA, Dan's Mountain WMA, Deep Creek Lake State Park (Designated Areas Only), Green Ridge State Forest, Indian Springs WMA, Mount Nebo WMA, Potomac-Garrett State Forest, Prather's Neck WMA, Rocky Gap State Park (Designated Areas Only), Savage River State Forest, Sideling Hill WMA, Warrior Mountain WMA, Woodmont NRMA, Youghiogheny Reservoir CWMA and Youghiogheny Scenic Wild River.

Season	Dates	Total Bag Limit	Notes
Archery	Sep 9 – Oct 19	1 Antlerless*	Fluorescent orange requirement: Archery hunters are required to wear fluorescent orange when the Deer Muzzleloader Season, Deer Firearm Season or Junior Deer Hunt is open in the deer management region where they are hunting. Archery hunters in Allegany, Garrett, and Washington counties are required to wear fluorescent orange when the Black Bear Season is open. Sunday deer hunting: Deer Archery Season is open on Sundays October 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30 and November 6, 13 and 20, 2016 on private and DESIGNATED public lands only. See below for a list of designated public lands.
	Oct 23 – Nov 25		
	Dec 12 – Dec 16		
	Jan 2 – Jan 31		
Muzzleloader DNR Public Lands	Dec 31	1 Antlerless*	Region A muzzleloader bag limit: Only 1 deer total (antlered or antlerless) may be taken in Region A during the October 20 – 22, 2016 muzzleloader season. This deer must be antlered if it is taken on DNR public land.
Muzzleloader All Other Lands	Oct 20 – Oct 22 Dec 29 – Dec 31		
Firearm DNR Public Lands	Dec 10	1 Antlerless*	
Firearm All Other Lands	Dec 9 – Dec 10		

*No more than two antlerless deer total can be taken in Region A per license year.

Designated public lands open to Sunday hunting in Allegany, Garrett and Washington counties are: ONLY Billmeyer-Belle Grove WMA, Cunningham Swamp WMA, Dan's Mountain WMA, Garrett State Forest (SF), Green Ridge SF, Indian Springs WMA, Mount Nebo WMA, Potomac SF, Prather's Neck WMA, Savage River SF, Sideling Hill WMA, Warrior Mountain WMA.

Selected 2016-2017 White-tailed Deer Seasons and Bag Limits

Antlerless Deer – Region B

Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Calvert, Caroline, Carroll, Cecil, Charles, Dorchester, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Kent, Montgomery, Prince George's, Queen Anne's, St. Mary's, Somerset, Talbot, Washington (Zone 1), Wicomico & Worcester counties

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Season	Dates	Total Bag Limit	Notes
Archery	<p>Sep 9 – Oct 19</p> <p>Oct 23 (Sunday, see Notes)</p> <p>Oct 24 – Nov 25</p> <p>Dec 12 – Dec 16</p> <p>Jan 2 – Jan 5</p> <p>Jan 9 – Jan 31</p>	Unlimited Antlerless	<p>Fluorescent orange requirement: Archery hunters are required to wear fluorescent orange when the Deer Muzzleloader Season, Deer Firearm Season or Junior Deer Hunt is open in the deer management region where they are hunting. Archery hunters in Frederick, and Washington counties are required to wear fluorescent orange when the Black Bear Season is open.</p> <p>Sunday deer hunting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In Calvert, Caroline, Charles, Dorchester, Harford, Queen Anne's, St. Mary's, Somerset, Talbot, Wicomico & Worcester counties on private lands only – Deer Archery Season is open on Sundays October 16, 23, and 30 and November 6 and 13, 2016. • In Carroll, Frederick and Washington (Zone 1) counties on private lands only – Deer Archery Season is open on Sundays October 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30 and November 6, 13 and 20, 2016. • Deer archery season is open on Sunday November 6, 2016 in Anne Arundel, Cecil, Kent & Montgomery counties on private land only.
Muzzleloader	<p>Oct 20 – Oct 29</p> <p>Dec 17 – Dec 31</p>	10 Antlerless	<p>Sunday deer hunting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deer muzzleloader season is open on Sundays December 18 and 25, 2016 in Carroll, Frederick, and Washington (Zone 1) counties on private lands only.
Firearm	<p>Nov 26 – Dec 10</p> <p>Jan 6 – Jan 7</p> <p>Jan 8 (Sunday, see Notes)</p>	10 Antlerless	<p>Sunday Deer Hunting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In Anne Arundel, Cecil, Dorchester, Kent, Montgomery, Talbot & Wicomico counties on private lands only – Deer Firearm Season is open on Sunday November 27, 2016. • In Calvert, Caroline, Carroll, Charles, Frederick, Harford, Queen Anne's, Somerset, St. Mary's, Washington (Zone 1) & Worcester counties on private lands only - Deer Firearm Season is open on Sundays November 27 and December 4, 2016, and January 8, 2017.

Selected 2016-2017 Junior Deer Hunt Antlered & Antlerless Deer

The Junior Deer Hunt is for hunters age 16 or younger only. Junior hunters must be accompanied by a licensed (or exempt from license requirement) unarmed adult age 21 or older. Junior hunters are not required to comply with the antler point restrictions.

Region	Description	Total Bag Limit	Dates	Notes
Region A	White-tailed Deer, Antlered or Antlerless	1 deer	Nov 12 Nov 13 (Sunday, see Notes)	Separate Bag Limit: Deer taken by Junior hunters during the Junior Hunt Season do not count towards the regular archery, muzzleloader, or firearm season bag limits. Sunday Deer Hunting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In Anne Arundel, Calvert, Caroline, Carroll, Cecil, Charles, Dorchester, Frederick, Harford, Kent, Montgomery, Queen Anne's, St. Mary's, Somerset, Talbot, Wicomico & Worcester counties on private lands only – the Junior Deer Hunt is open on Sunday November 13, 2016. In Allegany, Garrett, and Washington counties on private and DESIGNATED public lands only – the Junior Deer Hunt is open on Sunday November 13, 2016. See below for designated public lands.
Region B	White-tailed Deer, Antlered or Antlerless	3 deer, no more than 1 may be antlered		
Where present	Sika Deer, Antlered or Antlerless	1 deer		

Designated public lands open to Sunday hunting in Allegany, Garrett and Washington counties are: ONLY Billmeyer-Belle Grove WMA, Cunningham Swamp WMA, Dan's Mountain WMA, Garrett State Forest (SF), Green Ridge SF, Indian Springs WMA, Mount Nebo WMA, Potomac SF, Prather's Neck WMA, Savage River SF, Sideling Hill WMA, Warrior Mountain WMA.

Selected 2017-2018 White-tailed Deer Seasons and Bag Limits

Antlered Deer – Statewide

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Season	Dates	Total Bag Limit	Notes
Archery	<p>Sep 8 – Oct 18</p> <p>Oct 22 (Sunday, see Notes)</p> <p>Oct 23 – Nov 24</p> <p>Dec 11 – Dec 15</p> <p>Jan 1 – Jan 4</p> <p>Jan 5 – Jan 6 (Region A only, see Notes)</p> <p>Jan 8 – Jan 31</p>	1 Antlered*	<p>Fluorescent orange requirement: Archery hunters are required to wear fluorescent orange when the Deer Muzzleloader Season, Deer Firearm Season or Junior Deer Hunt is open in the deer management region where they are hunting. Archery hunters in Allegany, Garrett, Frederick, and Washington counties are required to wear fluorescent orange when the Black Bear Season is open.</p> <p>Sunday deer hunting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In Calvert, Caroline, Charles, Dorchester, Harford, Queen Anne's, St. Mary's, Somerset, Talbot, Wicomico & Worcester counties on private lands only – Deer Archery Season is open on Sundays October 15, 22, and 29 and November 5 and 12, 2017. • In Carroll and Frederick counties on private lands only – Deer Archery Season is open on Sundays October 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29 and November 5, 12 and 19, 2017. • Deer archery season is open on Sunday November 5, 2017 in Anne Arundel, Cecil, Kent & Montgomery counties on private land only. • In Allegany, Garrett, and Washington counties on private and DESIGNATED public lands only – Deer Archery Season is open on Sundays October 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29 and November 5, 12 and 19, 2017. See below for a list of designated public lands.
Muzzle-loader	<p>Oct 19 – Oct 21</p> <p>Dec 16 – Dec 30</p>	1 Antlered*	<p>The Bonus Antlered Deer Stamp may not be used during the Oct. 19 – 21, 2017 muzzleloader season.</p> <p>Region A muzzleloader bag limit: Only 1 deer total (antlered or antlerless) may be taken in Region A during the October 19 – 21, 2017 muzzleloader season. This deer must be antlered if it is taken on DNR public land.</p> <p>Sunday deer hunting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deer muzzleloader season is open on Sundays December 17 and 24, 2017 in Carroll and Frederick counties on private lands only. • Deer muzzleloader season is open on Sundays December 17 and 24, 2017 in Allegany, Garrett, and Washington counties on private and DESIGNATED public lands only. See below for a list of designated public lands.
Firearm	<p>Nov 25 – Dec 9</p> <p>Jan 5 – Jan 6 (Region B only, see Notes)</p> <p>Jan 7 (Sunday, see Notes)</p>	1 Antlered*	<p>Sunday deer hunting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In Anne Arundel, Cecil, Dorchester, Kent, Montgomery, Talbot & Wicomico counties on private lands only – Deer Firearm Season is open on Sunday November 26, 2017. • In Calvert, Caroline, Carroll, Charles, Frederick, Harford, Queen Anne's, Somerset, St. Mary's, Washington (Zone 1), & Worcester counties on private lands only – Deer Firearm Season is open on Sundays November 26 and December 3, 2017, and January 7, 2018. • In Allegany, Garrett, and Washington (Zone 2) counties on private and DESIGNATED public lands only – Deer Firearm Season is open on Sundays November 26 and December 3, 2017. See below for a list of designated public lands. <p>Deer Firearm Season is open during the January 2018 dates in Region B only. Deer Archery season is open January 5 & 6 in Region A only.</p>

			Deer hunters may use archery equipment on these days in Region B but any deer harvested must count towards the Deer Firearm Season bag limit.
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Antlerless Deer – Region A

Allegany, Garrett & Washington (Zone 2) counties

Region A DNR public lands include: Billmeyer-Belle Grove WMA, Cunningham Swamp WMA, Dan's Mountain WMA, Deep Creek Lake State Park (Designated Areas Only), Green Ridge State Forest, Indian Springs WMA, Mount Nebo WMA, Potomac-Garrett State Forest, Prather's Neck WMA, Rocky Gap State Park (Designated Areas Only), Savage River State Forest, Sideling Hill WMA, Warrior Mountain WMA, Woodmont NRMA, Youghiogheny Reservoir CWMA and Youghiogheny Scenic Wild River.

Season	Dates	Total Bag Limit	Notes
Archery	Sep 8 – Oct 18	1 Antlerless*	Fluorescent orange requirement: Archery hunters are required to wear fluorescent orange when the Deer Muzzleloader Season, Deer Firearm Season or Junior Deer Hunt is open in the deer management region where they are hunting. Archery hunters in Allegany, Garrett, and Washington counties are required to wear fluorescent orange when the Black Bear Season is open. Sunday deer hunting: Deer Archery Season is open on Sundays October 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29 and November 5, 12 and 19, 2017 on private and DESIGNATED public lands only. See below for a list of designated public lands.
	Oct 22 – Nov 24		
	Dec 11 – Dec 15		
	Jan 1 – Jan 31		
Muzzleloader DNR Public Lands	Dec 30	1 Antlerless*	Region A muzzleloader bag limit: Only 1 deer total (antlered or antlerless) may be taken in Region A during the October 19 – 21, 2017 muzzleloader season. This deer must be antlered if it is taken on DNR public land.
Muzzleloader All Other Lands	Oct 19 – Oct 21 Dec 28 – Dec 30		
Firearm DNR Public Lands	Dec 9	1 Antlerless*	
Firearm All Other Lands	Dec 8 – Dec 9		

*No more than two antlerless deer total can be taken in Region A per license year.

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Selected 2017-2018 White-tailed Deer Seasons and Bag Limits

Antlerless Deer – Region B

Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Calvert, Caroline, Carroll, Cecil, Charles, Dorchester, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Kent, Montgomery, Prince George's, Queen Anne's, St. Mary's, Somerset, Talbot, Washington (Zone 1), Wicomico & Worcester counties

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Season	Dates	Total Bag Limit	Notes
Archery	<p>Sep 8 – Oct 18</p> <p>Oct 22 (Sunday, see Notes)</p> <p>Oct 23 – Nov 24</p> <p>Dec 11 – Dec 15</p> <p>Jan 1 – Jan 4</p> <p>Jan 8 – Jan 31</p>	Unlimited Antlerless	<p>Fluorescent orange requirement: Archery hunters are required to wear fluorescent orange when the Deer Muzzleloader Season, Deer Firearm Season or Junior Deer Hunt is open in the deer management region where they are hunting. Archery hunters in Frederick, and Washington counties are required to wear fluorescent orange when the Black Bear Season is open.</p> <p>Sunday deer hunting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In Calvert, Caroline, Charles, Dorchester, Harford, Queen Anne's, St. Mary's, Somerset, Talbot, Wicomico & Worcester counties on private lands only – Deer Archery Season is open on Sundays October 15, 22, and 29 and November 5 and 12, 2017. • In Carroll, Frederick and Washington (Zone 1) counties on private lands only – Deer Archery Season is open on Sundays October 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29 and November 5, 12 and 19, 2017. • Deer archery season is open on Sunday November 5, 2017 in Anne Arundel, Cecil, Kent & Montgomery counties on private land only.
Muzzleloader	<p>Oct 19 – Oct 28</p> <p>Dec 16 – Dec 30</p>	10 Antlerless	<p>Sunday deer hunting:</p> <p>Deer muzzleloader season is open on Sundays December 17 and 24, 2017 in Carroll, Frederick, and Washington (Zone 1) counties on private lands only.</p>
Firearm	<p>Nov 25 – Dec 9</p> <p>Jan 5 – Jan 6</p> <p>Jan 7 (Sunday, see Notes)</p>	10 Antlerless	<p>Sunday Deer Hunting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In Anne Arundel, Cecil, Dorchester, Kent, Montgomery, Talbot & Wicomico counties on private lands only – Deer Firearm Season is open on Sunday November 26, 2017. • In Calvert, Caroline, Carroll, Charles, Frederick, Harford, Queen Anne's, Somerset, St. Mary's, Washington (Zone 1) & Worcester counties on private lands only - Deer Firearm Season is open on Sundays November 26 and December 3, 2017, and January 7, 2018.

Selected 2017-2018 Junior Deer Hunt Antlered & Antlerless Deer

The Junior Deer Hunt is for hunters age 16 or younger only. Junior hunters must be accompanied by a licensed (or exempt from license requirement) unarmed adult age 21 or older. Junior hunters are not required to comply with the antler point restrictions.

Region	Description	Total Bag Limit	Dates	Notes
Region A	White-tailed Deer, Antlered or Antlerless	1 deer	Nov 11 Nov 12 (Sunday, see Notes)	Separate Bag Limit: Deer taken by Junior hunters during the Junior Hunt Season do not count towards the regular archery, muzzleloader, or firearm season bag limits. Sunday Deer Hunting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In Anne Arundel, Calvert, Caroline, Carroll, Cecil, Charles, Dorchester, Frederick, Harford, Kent, Montgomery, Queen Anne's, St. Mary's, Somerset, Talbot, Wicomico & Worcester counties on private lands only – the Junior Deer Hunt is open on Sunday November 12, 2017. • In Allegany, Garrett, and Washington counties on private and DESIGNATED public lands only – the Junior Deer Hunt is open on Sunday November 12, 2017. See below for designated public lands.
Region B	White-tailed Deer, Antlered or Antlerless	3 deer, no more than 1 may be antlered		
Where present	Sika Deer, Antlered or Antlerless	1 deer		

Designated public lands open to Sunday hunting in Allegany, Garrett and Washington counties are: ONLY Billmeyer-Belle Grove WMA, Cunningham Swamp WMA, Dan's Mountain WMA, Garrett State Forest (SF), Green Ridge SF, Indian Springs WMA, Mount Nebo WMA, Potomac SF, Prather's Neck WMA, Savage River SF, Sideling Hill WMA, Warrior Mountain WMA.

Selected 2016-2017 Sika Deer Seasons and Bag Limits

Antlered & Antlerless Deer – Statewide

An antlered sika deer is a deer with at least one antler visible above the hairline.

Season	Description	Dates	Total Bag Limit	Notes
Archery	Antlered or Antlerless	Sep 9 – Oct 19 Oct 23 (Sunday, see Notes) Oct 24 – Nov 25 Dec 12 – Dec 16 Jan 2 – Jan 5 Jan 6 – Jan 7 (Region A only, see Notes) Jan 9 – Jan 31	3 deer, no more than 1 antlered	<p>Fluorescent orange requirement: Archery hunters are required to wear fluorescent orange when the Deer Muzzleloader Season, Deer Firearm Season or Junior Deer Hunt is open in the deer management region where they are hunting.</p> <p>Sunday deer hunting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In Calvert, Caroline, Charles, Dorchester, Harford, Queen Anne's, St. Mary's, Somerset, Talbot, Wicomico & Worcester counties on private lands only – Deer Archery Season is open on Sundays October 16, 23, and 30 and November 6 and 13, 2016. Deer archery season is open on Sunday November 6, 2016 in Anne Arundel, Cecil, Kent & Montgomery counties on private land only.
Muzzleloader	Antlered or Antlerless	Oct 20 – Oct 22	3 deer, no more than 1 antlered	October 24 – 29: Deer muzzleloader season is open during these dates in Region B only.
	Antlerless Only	Oct 24 – 29		
	Antlered or Antlerless	Dec 17 – Dec 31		
Firearm	Antlered or Antlerless	Nov 26 – Dec 10 Jan 6 – Jan 7 (Region B only, see Notes) Jan 8 (Sunday, see Notes)	3 deer, no more than 1 antlered	<p>Sunday deer hunting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In Anne Arundel, Cecil, Dorchester, Kent, Montgomery, Talbot & Wicomico counties on private lands only – Deer Firearm Season is open on Sunday November 27, 2016. In Calvert, Caroline, Carroll, Charles, Frederick, Harford, Queen Anne's, Somerset, St. Mary's, Washington (Zone 1), & Worcester counties on private lands only – Deer Firearm Season is open on Sundays November 27 and December 4, 2016, and January 8, 2017. <p>January 6 – 7: Deer Firearm Season is open during these dates in Region B only. Deer hunters may use archery equipment on these days in Region B but any deer harvested must count towards the Deer Firearm Season bag limit.</p>

Selected 2017-2018 Sika Deer Seasons and Bag Limits

Antlered & Antlerless Deer – Statewide

An antlered sika deer is a deer with at least one antler visible above the hairline.

Season	Description	Dates	Total Bag Limit	Notes
Archery	Antlered or Antlerless	Sep 8 – Oct 18 Oct 22 (Sunday, see Notes) Oct 23 – Nov 24 Dec 11 – Dec 15 Jan 1 – Jan 4 Jan 5 – Jan 6 (Region A only, see Notes) Jan 8 – Jan 31	3 deer, no more than 1 antlered	Fluorescent orange requirement: Archery hunters are required to wear fluorescent orange when the Deer Muzzleloader Season, Deer Firearm Season or Junior Deer Hunt is open in the deer management region where they are hunting. Sunday deer hunting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In Calvert, Caroline, Charles, Dorchester, Harford, Queen Anne's, St. Mary's, Somerset, Talbot, Wicomico & Worcester counties on private lands only – Deer Archery Season is open on Sundays October 15, 22, and 29 and November 5 and 12, 2017. Deer archery season is open on Sunday November 5, 2017 in Anne Arundel, Cecil, Kent & Montgomery counties on private land only.
Muzzleloader	Antlered or Antlerless	Oct 19 – Oct 21	3 deer, no more than 1 antlered	October 23 – 28: Deer muzzleloader season is open during these dates in Region B only.
	Antlerless Only	Oct 23 – 28 (Region B only)		
	Antlered or Antlerless	Dec 16 – Dec 30		
Firearm	Antlered or Antlerless	Nov 25 – Dec 9 Jan 5 – Jan 6 (Region B only, see Notes) Jan 7 (Sunday, see Notes)	3 deer, no more than 1 antlered	Sunday deer hunting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In Anne Arundel, Cecil, Dorchester, Kent, Montgomery, Talbot & Wicomico counties on private lands only – Deer Firearm Season is open on Sunday November 26, 2017. In Calvert, Caroline, Carroll, Charles, Frederick, Harford, Queen Anne's, Somerset, St. Mary's, Washington (Zone 1), & Worcester counties on private lands only – Deer Firearm Season is open on Sundays November 26 and December 3, 2017, and January 7, 2018. January 5 – 6: Deer Firearm Season is open in Region B only. Deer hunters may use archery equipment on these days in Region B but any deer harvested must count towards the Deer Firearm Season bag limit.

